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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. S.R. NATHAN, WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY PRIME MINISTER LEE TO
ARRANGE AND COORDINATE SINGAPORE'S EFFORTS REGARDING SVN REFUGEES,
HAS RAISED THREE QUESTIONS CONCERNING WHICH HE DESIRES EMBASSY
RESPONSE 31 MARCH LOCALE:

(A) WHAT SECURITY MEASURES ARE AVAILABLE FROM ANY QUARTER (INCLUDING
US SEVENTH FLEET) TO SAFEGUARD NON-COMBATANT MERCY SHIPS OF THIRD
COUNTRIES;

(B) WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO INSURE THAT SINGAPORE SHIP(S) ARE NOT
USED FOR TRANSPORTATION OF ARVN MILITARY;

(C) WILL SINGAPORE SHIP(S) RECEIVE MINIMUM PROVISIONS (FOOD AND
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MEDICAL SUPPLIES) TO CARE FOR AND FEED REFUGEES DURING TRANSIT TO

SAFE HAVEN?

2. NATHAN ARRANGING TO DIVERT ONE LST FOR REFUGEE TRANSPORT PURPOSES. HE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO INSTRUCT LST CAPTAIN WHERE AND HOW TO PROCEED DURING SINGAPORE 31 MARCH WORKING DAY. HE THEREFORE PRESSING FOR INFORMATION PURSUANT TO REF QUESTIONS AND THOSE POSED ABOVE. ACCORDINGLY REQUEST IMMEDIATE NIACT REPLY.

3. FYI IT DOUBTFUL SINGAPORE CONTRIBUTION WILL INVOLVE MORE THAN ONE LST. POTENTIALLY AVAILABLE SINGAPORE COMMERCIAL FLAG VESSALS UNAVAILABLE BECAUSE OF LOCATION, CHARTER AND CABOTAGE PROBLEMS. OF ITS THREE LST'S, ONLY ONE IN MEANINGFUL POSITION (INDONZTIAN WATERS) FOR USE. THIS CRAFT HOWEVER COULD UNDERTAKE NUMBER OF SHUTTLE MISSIONS.
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